

FORTY-FIVE BODIES ALREADY RECOVERED

Victims of Oklahoma-Gasoline Explosion Now Estimated at Fifty-Two.

ENTIRE BUSINESS BLOCK IS ALMOST DEMOLISHED

About 200 Persons Injured and Many of Them Not Expected to Recover.

ARDMORE, Okla., September 28.—With the expectation of uncovering more bodies, rescuers continued searching today the ruins of business houses and public buildings for victims of an explosion yesterday of 250 barrels of gasoline in a tank car.

The official number of dead was given at 10 a.m. today as fifty-two. Of this number thirty-three are white and nineteen negroes.

The property damage is estimated at more than \$1,000,000. There are at least 200 injured, some of these probably fatally.

In addition to the bodies believed to be still in the ruins it is feared that several of the 200 persons injured will succumb, making a probable death list of three hundred.

Investigation of the cause of the disaster was started by city executives today. It is supposed that a spark from a hammer of one of the workmen repairing the car ignited the gasoline.

Flames Shot Up 200 Feet.

Eye-witnesses said flames shot into the air for a distance of 200 feet immediately preceding the explosion, which scattered the flaming liquid for blocks, thus starting scores of fires in the buildings wrecked by the concussion.

Most of the persons killed were crushed under falling walls, some of them more than a half way from the scene of the explosion.

Ardmore today virtually was under martial law, while business was suspended to permit the work of rescue to proceed with great speed. One hundred special deputies had been sworn in to prevent disorder.

The downtown business section presented a picture of disaster. One block Main street, from the railroad station to the Whittington Hotel, having been razed by the explosion, many buildings on the main street were damaged, destroyed and the plate glass fronts of nearly every store in town damaged.

Many Instances of Heroism.

The greater part of the city was in darkness last night, the electric lights having been cut off owing to the danger from prostrate wires. Many rescuers went out in the darkness, and the results of the explosion were recounted today by persons who witnessed the explosion and themselves escaped with slight bruises.

Many clocks about the city stopped at 2:45 o'clock, are curious reminders of the explosion.

The loss in plate glass alone has been estimated at \$50,000.

Among the heroes of the disaster were Charles Thompson, a telephone operator, who, although suffering from a fractured leg and wrenched back, managed to piece together some broken wires and send out the first news of the disaster and a call for aid.

Were Two Explosions.

Six blocks in each direction from the Santa Fe freight and passenger depots were affected by the explosion. Railroad men who were in the yard at the time say the car was shunted to a siding on account of its "bad order."

The car was leaking gasoline so that a pool of the fluid had formed on the ground under it.

Ira Woods, car inspector, the railroad men say, mounted the car, unscrewed the cap and peered in. Just then the gasoline became ignited. Woods, the car and every loose piece of material within a hundred yards were hurled into the air.

Reports that there were two explosions were confirmed today. Dynamite in the freight storehouse was set off by the concussion of the gasoline explosion, and the fire that followed. The dynamite explosion demolished nearly a score of buildings.

Near the siding on which the tank car was placed were a number of wooden structures, part of which were occupied by negroes. In this section a two-story frame building collapsed and fifteen negroes in a pool hall on the upper floor were killed.

POSSES CLOSE ON TRAIL OF AN ESCAPED CONVICT

SALEM, Ore., September 28.—Three posses were charged on the trail early today of Otto Hooker, an escaped convict, who shot and killed Harry P. Mingo, superintendent of the Oregon state penitentiary, late last night after he had previously seriously wounded J. J. Benson, city marshal of Jefferson. Both officers were shot while endeavoring to take Hooker into custody.

Farmers' Congress Convenes.

OMAHA, Neb., September 28.—The thirty-first annual session of the Farmers' National Congress opened here today for a four-day meeting with nearly 1,000 delegates in attendance. The program arranged covers many subjects of interest to farmers, though the two subjects which are expected to hold the chief attention of the congress are foreign relations as affected by the European war and rural credit.

Municipal Experts Meeting.

NEW ORLEANS, September 28.—The bi-monthly annual convention of the League of American Municipalities has been opened here with about forty officials and experts on civic projects from various cities in this country and Canada registered as delegates.

NO MOVE FOR WAR BY BALKAN STATES

Bulgaria Tries to Assure Rumania That Hostilities Are Not Intended.

BUCHAREST NOT DISPOSED TO CHANGE HER POLICY

Reports From Athens Conflict as to Sentiment in Greece for Joining in War.

BERLIN, September 28, by wireless to Sayville.—The Overseas News Agency says that, according to reliable information, Bulgaria and Greece have agreed upon the establishment of a neutral zone between those two countries.

PARIS, September 28.—The Bulgarian cabinet has agreed with Germany, the Rome correspondent of the Petit Parisien says he has learned from a former Rumanian minister, that Bulgaria shall mobilize only four divisions to watch Rumania. This will be done, it is said, to avoid action which might justify Greece in feeling she was called upon to intervene under the terms of her treaty of alliance with Serbia.

Meanwhile, the Petit Parisien's correspondent asserts, Bulgaria proposed to have 25,000 Macedonian irregulars attack Serbia, but details of this plan became known in Nish, and preparations were made by Serbia for a possible attack.

No Change at Bucharest.

BUCHAREST, Rumania, September 27, via London, September 28.—The Rumanian cabinet, at a meeting today in which the mobilization of Bulgaria and Greece was discussed, decided that Rumania should continue the course she has been following.

These new developments, it was determined, were not of a nature to cause Rumania to modify its policy in regard to the mobilization of Bulgaria and Greece. Consequently, Rumanian troops will remain concentrated along the national frontiers.

The cabinet did not consider the question of establishing martial law.

Greece Still Determined.

LONDON, September 28.—"The pacific assurances of the Bulgarian minister at Athens have not had the effect of altering the determined position of Greece, which nothing short of Bulgarian demobilization can alter," says Reuters correspondent at Athens. "The victory of the allies in Champagne came at the right moment to dispel the last vestige of sympathy for the central powers, which have been losing ground since the Bulgarian mobilization. The Greek mobilization has had a demoralizing effect on the central powers."

"According to trustworthy news from Serbian sources the Austro-German forces are concentrated in the Balkan front along the Pancevo-Orsova line, do not exceed 300,000 men. They are composed mainly of old men and youth, although they are provided with powerful artillery."

The projected attack against Serbia is believed to have been necessarily postponed.

To Resist Foreign Troops.

BERLIN, September 28, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—According to the Overseas News Agency, Greece has assured Serbia she will resist the passage of foreign troops through Greek territory.

The news agency says: "Reports from the Balkans say that the Greek minister to Serbia called on the Serbian prime minister and told him that Greece had decided to offer determined resistance to the passage of foreign troops through Greek territory."

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"The Greek minister to Serbia, Thodorakis, told Premier Radoslav of Bulgaria that he would depart on leave of absence owing to ill health. The premier, however, refused to grant leave of absence had been granted to Bulgarian consul in Macedonia."

The allusion to the passage of foreign troops through Greek territory probably refers to recent reports that if Bulgaria should attack Serbia the entire Balkan would send troops to Greece.

Reported Repulse by Rumania.

The Athens correspondent of the Lokai Anzeiger reports that he is able to confirm the rumor that Premier Venizelos of Greece failed in the negotiations which he attempted recently to open with the Rumanian government. This is considered as a definite indication of Rumania's attitude.

The correspondent adds that public opinion in Greece is being manifested more strongly against a literal interpretation of the Serbo-Greek compact obligating Greece to support Serbia in case of attack by another Balkan state, as Greece has been released from that arrangement by the action of Serbia.

The Athens correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung says that King Constantine of Greece consulted M. Gounaris, former premier, who is an advocate of strict neutrality, before signing the Greek declaration of neutrality.

The Overseas News Agency says that the Greek embassy in Berlin has issued orders that all Greeks liable to military service shall call at the embassy for instructions.

Pioneer Insurance Man Dead.

MONTREAL, September 28.—Robertson Macaulay, president of the Sun Life Insurance Co. of Canada, died here. He was eighty-three years old and was known throughout the country as the father of the insurance business in Canada.

WINNING DRESSING TROPHY AWARDS

Palais Royal, Globe-Wernicke Co., and J. E. Cunningham & Co., the Winners.

SPECIAL PRIZE GIVEN TO BERBERICH & SONS

Result of Competition Under the Auspices of the Retail Merchants' Association.

The Palais Royal, at the corner of 11th and G streets northwest last night was declared the winner in the window dressing contest held in connection with the fall buying, inaugural, contest under the auspices of the Retail Merchants' Association. The window of the Globe-Wernicke Company, at 1218 F street northwest, was awarded the second prize and that of J. E. Cunningham & Co., 216 7th street northwest, received the third prize.

The special prize provided by the Washington Shoe Retailers' Association was won by Robert Berberich & Sons, 813 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

Each of the prize winners today is the proud possessor of a handsome silver cup, as the result of the contest. The winners of the silver cups provided by the Retail Merchants' Association, while the firm of Robert Berberich & Sons received the cup offered by the retail shoe organization of the city, the window of the Berberich establishment having been adjudged to be the best decorated of any shoe store windows in the contest. The dresser of the Berberich window will receive a special prize of \$10 in gold, which was provided by the shoe dealers' association.

Illumination Considered.

Not until they had seen all of the sixty-five windows entered in the contest, both by day and by night, did the judges announce their decision. Since illuminating effects played an important part in a number of the displays, this procedure was decided upon as being fairest to all concerned.

So many attractively decorated windows were entered in the contest that the judges had no easy matter in determining upon the winner. Since there were no restrictions upon the decorations, the decorations were greatly varied in character. Most of them, however, included flags and G. A. R. insignia in their make-up.

Advertising managers of the four daily newspapers were the judges of the contest.

Association Admits New Members.

At a meeting of the board of governors of the Retail Merchants' Association last night nine names were elected to membership, as follows:

Rose Fur and Millinery Company, 1113 F street; Record Auto Supply and Service Company, 631 Massachusetts avenue; Semmes Motor Company, 628 Pennsylvania avenue southeast; Abramson's Department Store, 7th and I streets northwest; Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railroad Company, Bond Building; S. Freedman, 618 K street northwest; Louis Jacobs, 413 11th street; and Karl P. Brodt, 413 11th street northwest.

The governors directed President R. P. Andrews to inquire into the practice of certain establishments in giving coupons with purchases. Attention was called to the fact that coupons are in the hands of the public, and that trading stamps, the use of which is unlawful in the District, and it was the conviction of the governors present at last night's meeting that vigorous steps should be taken to test the legality of coupons, and to bring certain types of chain stores.

Alleged to Exceed Charter Rights.

The Retail Merchants' Association also directed the right of the Washington lighting companies to engage in the sale of appliances. The association has been informed that the local lighting companies have not only exceeded the powers vested in them by their charters, but that in the sale of appliances have so cut the price as to make every ordinary competition impossible. Secretary Charles J. Columbus was directed to address a letter to the companies in the matter.

TWO CAPTAINS KILLED ON RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP

PETROGRAD, September 27, via London, September 28.—The official statement issued by the ministry of marine under date of September 25 says:

"During a bombardment of the enemy's land positions on the Gulf of Riga by our ships an enemy projectile fell on one of our ships killing Capt. Vlasov and his adjutant. Our ships altered enemy batteries. Our only other losses were five men killed and eight wounded."

G. A. R. Encampment Souvenir Editions of The Star

No richer souvenir and no better record of the great gathering in Washington of veterans of the war can be obtained than the daily Star. The souvenir edition of the Star will be filled with illustrations and reading matter of the most interesting character, covering the historical event, memories of which will be revived by the great reunion, as well as the happy union of each day graphically reported. The papers issued during the week will form a complete history of this memorable gathering.

The Star will be mailed from Sunday, September 28, to Saturday, October 2, inclusive, to any address in the United States for 25 cents, outside of Washington.

Those who cannot come to the encampment should have the Star sent to them, and those who do come will want the Star for the week as a most interesting, accurate and complete record of the scenes witnessed in the National Capital.

FREE MAP.

Pictorial Map of Washington, printed on fine paper, given with each order.



FINANCIAL ENVOYS ARRIVE IN CHICAGO

Four Franco-British Commissioners Greeted by Prominent Men of City.

PICKED DETECTIVES WILL BE ON GUARD

Police, However, Expect No Trouble.

Foreigners Return to New York Tomorrow.

CHICAGO, September 28.—Four of the Anglo-French credit loan commissioners arrived in Chicago today and were greeted by a committee of prominent bankers and business men. Among the latter was J. Ogden Armour, the banker. Others were James B. Forgan, president of the First National Bank; George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental and Commercial National Bank; John W. Scott, president of the Commercial Club, which is host to the visitors; Samuel Insull, president of the Commonwealth-Edison Company; John A. Spoor, president of the Union Stock Yards and Transit Company, and Silas Strawn and John Barton Payne, representing the bar association.

The commissioners here are Lord Reading, Sir Edward H. Holden, Basil Blackett and M. Ernest Matlet. They were accompanied by Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co. The overnight trip from New York was said to have been without incident.

Greetings Are Exchanged.

Formal greetings were exchanged at the hotel where rooms had been reserved and the reception committee then departed, leaving the commissioners free until noon to receive any callers who might desire to meet them. Neither Mr. Armour nor Mr. Spoor mentioned the case of the seizure of American vessels by the British prize courts. Although the visit was announced by several Chicagoans concerned as being purely social in its nature, the luncheons, dinners and rides on the program for the two-day visit will allow opportunity for the discussion of any subjects of particular interest to those concerned.

Lord Reading, in a talk with newspaper men, declared the idea that the trip was taken with only social objects in view.

"We came to Chicago to talk business," he said. "We are going to have a meeting with the bankers, perhaps today. I can't say that it will be a strictly formal affair, but it will be a business gathering."

Police Expect No Trouble.

A squad of picked detectives was ready to guard members of the commission when they arrived. Police officials said they expected no trouble while the commission was in Chicago, but that the detectives had been requested by those in charge of the reception.

A reception for Chicago business men was arranged for this afternoon. Tonight a dinner will be given by the visitors at the Commercial Club. The Chicago Bar Association and planned a reception for Lord Reading.

The commission will return to New York tomorrow.

Death of Mrs. Henry C. Lodge.

NANTUCKET, Mass., Sept. 28.—The sudden death of Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, wife of Senator Lodge, at her home here last night was announced today. Mrs. Lodge was sixty-five years of age. Death resulted from heart disease.

BODIES OF F-4 VICTIMS BURIED IN ARLINGTON

Full Military Honors for Those Who Perished When Submarine Was Lost.

Full military honors today were accorded fourteen unidentified victims who lost their lives when the United States submarine F-4 mysteriously sank at the entrance to Honolulu harbor some months ago. Their dismembered bodies, which had been recovered by the Arlington national cemetery this morning, the services being attended by high officials of the navy and others. As the flag-draped caskets were drawn along Pennsylvania avenue from the Washington Navy Yard to Arlington thousands of civil war veterans and others attending the Grand Army of the Republic encampment held the street and uncovered their heads in reverence.

Identification Impossible.

The bodies, which were recovered only recently after having been submerged for months, were in such condition as to make their individual identification impossible.

There were twenty-one men aboard the submarine. Four bodies were identified and buried elsewhere. The names of the seventeen unidentified, including three whose bodies never were recovered, are given by the Navy Department as follows:

Officers: Lieut. Alfred Ede of Reno, Nev., who commanded the F-4, and Ensign Timothy A. Parker of Kentucky. Enlisted men: Clark G. Buck, Tacoma, Wash.; Ernest C. Canvin, New Orleans; Harley Colwell, Seattle; Walter F. Covington, Fort Worth, Tex.; George L. Deeth, Portland, Ore.; Alston H. Grindle, San Francisco; Edwin S. Hill, Etowah, Tenn.; Francis H. Hugheson, Los Angeles; Albert F. Jones, Fort Lee, Va.; L. L. Moore, Germantown, Pa.; William S. Nelson, New York; Frank G. Laverne, Cal.; Henry A. Wither, San Diego, Cal., and Frederick Gillman, St. Louis.

Soldiers and Sailors as Escort.

The funeral escort was composed of all the regular troops and bluejackets in this vicinity. Commander W. D. Leahy, U. S. N., was in command. Religious services at the cemetery were conducted by Chaplain M. C. Gleason, attached to the Newport training station, and J. B. Frazier, attached to the Norfolk navy yard. The usual military ceremonies were observed at the cemetery, including the firing of musketry and the sounding of taps.

Secretary Daniels, Assistant Secretary Roush and other naval officers, including the members of the advisory council, attended the services. Mrs. Ede, widow of Lieut. Ede, and relatives of several other F-4 victims also were present.

NEW YORK PRIMARIES TODAY.

Political Parties Choosing Candidates for the Fall Election.

NEW YORK, September 28.—Primaries were held throughout the state today for the selection of candidates of all parties for the state and county offices to be voted for in the fall election. As there will be no gubernatorial election this year, the highest offices for which nominees will be chosen today were those for justices of the supreme court.

Candidates for the state assembly were on the tickets voted in all primaries throughout the state. In New York county nominees for six justices of the supreme court, a representative in Congress from the twenty-third district, district attorney, assemblymen, aldermen and judges of minor courts were included in the primary lists.

The contest between Charles A. Perkins, the present district attorney, and Frank Moss for the republican nomination for district attorney of New York county aroused the greatest interest in this city.

DUMBA INCIDENT REGARDED CLOSED

Austro-Hungarian Ambassador Recalled, as Requested by United States.

ASKS FOR SAFE CONDUCT, WHICH WILL BE GRANTED

Government Still Undetermined What Action to Take in Case of Capt. Von Pappen.

With the receipt at the State Department today of a telegram from Dr. Constantin Theodor Dumba, Austro-Hungarian ambassador, stating that he had been recalled and asking for safe conduct, the "Dumba incident" is closed, and is so considered at the State Department. Acting Secretary Pol today admitted that the department had been in touch with Vienna on the subject since Saturday, and said that messages had been received indicating that the action taken by Vienna is final.

This government regards the matter as entirely satisfactory, inasmuch as the request for a recall of the ambassador, who utilized his presence here to formulate plans for stirring up strife in American arms plants, has been fully met by the Austro-Hungarian foreign office.

Dr. Dumba asked for a leave of absence, but Ambassador Penfield at Vienna has been informed that a full recall is in order. Dr. Dumba today telegraphed from Lenox, Mass., asking for "safe conduct," and it is informally agreed upon that this will be forthcoming.

Coincident with this announcement

the remaining copies of papers carried by James E. J. Archibald en route to Vienna arrived at the State Department, but were not in shape for publication. It is doubtful, however, whether any of these papers are of importance. They will be examined carefully and will be given to the Department of Justice, which is still hanging on to Archibald's matter, although it is almost publicly announced that no action can be taken against the former war correspondent.

The worst that can happen to him, it is believed, is that the State Department will not issue a passport to him for further traveling.

The case of Capt. Von Pappen, the German military attaché here, is not closed, however. This government is still deliberating over what should be done to him in punitive measure for his references to "those idiotic Yankees." Despite the fact that German scholars translate the term to be a "little fool" that "idiot," and despite the explanations by Capt. Von Pappen himself, something is likely to come out of the long stand which the State Department is making of the case.

FOUR HELD IN FRAUD CASE.

Pittsburgh Election Scandal May Be Cause of Still Other Arrests.

PITTSBURGH, September 28.—The police early today added another man to the four prisoners they already held in connection with the alleged ballot frauds in last Tuesday's primary elections. They gave his name as Hugh Getty, and with his arrest said they had the situation in the first ward well in hand.

Other arrests were promised as soon as evidence that had come to them during the night could be confirmed. It was said, however, that no attempts made yesterday to secure possession of ballot boxes from the polling places where they were stored after the ballots had been counted.

FRENCH NOW BATTERING SECOND GERMAN LINES ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Berlin Claims Offensive Has Failed, But Paris Insists Allies Continue to Make Progress.

BERLIN, September 28, via London, 4:58 p.m.—The Germans not only have stopped the general offensive of the allies on the western front, but by counter attacks have gained considerable territory for themselves, according to today's official statement by army headquarters.

PARIS, September 28, 1:40 p.m.—The new offensive movement of the allies has resulted in a further gain in the Artois region, near Souchez, the French war office announced today.

Additional progress is reported in Champagne. The German counter attack in the Argonne is said to have been repulsed. The Germans left the ground before the trenches covered with dead.

The Germans are offering determined resistance in Champagne. The positions to which they have retreated are protected by a system of barbed-wire entanglements.

FRENCH BATTERING SECOND LINE.

LONDON, September 28, 1:08 p.m.—The French are now battering the second line of German defenses in Champagne, while the British, to the north, apparently have been able to crush all German counter attacks.

So far as can be ascertained, the situation on the western front as created by the allied offensive of Saturday and Sunday is about where it was. The diversion initiated by the German crown prince in the Argonne at some places reached the first French line, but nowhere did the Germans break through.

While German prisoners are arriving in France by the railroad British wounded from Flanders are beginning to reach London. All have the same story to tell. They describe the terrific bombardment of the allies, before which it seemed impossible that any one could survive, and then the sudden slackening of the fire and the British charge.

How it happened that so many unwounded Germans were captured

is puzzling the public of this country and France.

Gen. French's Birthday.

This is the sixty-third birthday of Field Marshal Sir John French. The people are not expecting it to be signalized by any marked fresh advance on the part of the allies, already achieving a certain success. The people of Paris show no signs of becoming unduly optimistic as fresh details reveal the full measure of success of the operations at Arras and in Champagne. The public realizes fully that it is only the beginning, but they are all justified in great hopes for the future. Although the attempt of the German crown prince at diversion in the Argonne failed, it is expected this was only the first of the efforts he will make to regain the ground lost.

Military writers point out the strategic importance of the action in Champagne. The French army is now mustering the railroad built by the Germans to supply their troops around the Argonne.

Main Object Farther North.

The main object of the operations lies farther north, however. The use of 20,000 German prisoners given by the French and British is believed here to be exaggerated. At all events, the enemy's attack has now failed, since the German front is being held firmly everywhere.

The German general staff was not surprised by the new Franco-British offensive movement, says the Lokai Anzeiger, although on this occasion it was not announced in advance.

"The brave German troops withstood the onslaught," the newspaper continues, "and will hold out until the enemy has been driven back. The German iron wall is unshakable and insurmountable."

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Berlin Regards Offensive in the West as a Failure; Admits Losses Are Heavy

BERLIN, September 28, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—"The general attack of the British and French along the western front is considered here to have failed already," says the Overseas News Agency. "There is no possibility that the enemy will break through the German lines, in view of the length of the front, which is 260 kilometers (160 miles)."

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Russian Czar Congratulates the President of France on Allies' Victory in West

PARIS, September 28, 2:30 p.m.—Emperor Nicholas today telegraphed to President Poincare from the general headquarters of the Russian army his congratulations on the French success in the Champagne region, as follows:

"On learning the news of the great success won by the glorious French army I take the occasion to address to you as well as to your valiant army my warmest felicitations and most sincere wishes for the future unalterable prosperity of France."

The French president replied:

"I thank your majesty for the felicitations addressed to our armies on the occasion of the fine success they have just won with the co-operation of their